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REPORT ON POSITIONS OF MINEFIELDS IN THE STOCKHOLM AREA AND
METHOD FOR DETERMINING POSITION OF CONVOYS
(1941)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: NCSCC

27th December 1941

No: 1674

To: (Name No. 42)(i)

1. Dispositions [R. SPOLCHETIE][a] of the officer commanding the naval
forces in the STOCKHOLM area[ii] [3 groups unrecovered] restriction[b]
of the minefields,

1. 58° 43' : 17° 40' [C. 0 40']
2. 58° 53' : 17° 43'
3. 53° 53' : 17° 58'
4. 59° 11' : 18° 37'
5. 59° 21' : 13° 25'

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6. 59° 17' : 13° 32'
7. 59° 36' : 13° 55'
8. 59° 51' : 19° [2 groups unrecovered]
9. 59° 54' : 19° 17'.

2. The approximate position of the convoys [TRANSPORTY][e] can be [d] determined by intercepting and [B] D/P-ing the radio transmissions from [d] the guard ships [SILSKORPUL] which communicate with each other and also with ships of the escort [ENSKORT] in code on the wavelength which is known to you, with the exception of the signals [e] from the guard ships and escort vessels to [52 groups unrecovered].

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- Notes:
- [a] Possibly a mistranslation from the Swedish or a mistake for "Instruktions" = "Instructions".
 - [b] Literal translation: meaning not clear without context.
 - [c] On the evidence of STOCKHOLM's No. 1055 of 25th September 1941 (unpublished) the word TRANSPORT is clearly used in the sense of "convoy".
 - [d] Literally "[B] D/P-ing the working radio sets of ..."
 - [e] Literally "conversations". However it seems probable that this applies to any form of communication and that it is not confined to voice transmissions.

- Comments:
- [i] File No. 42: Possibly Capt. (1st Rank) L. L. VORONTSOV.
 - [ii] See also STOCKHOLM's Nos. 1575 and 1603 of 13th and 18th December 1941 (3/NBF/T1964 and 1965). These texts appear to refer to the Swedish "Neutrality Navigation Route" along the south-east coast of SWEDEN, which was sometimes used by convoys carrying German troops from GERMANY to FINLAND.

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